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From the Editor

We are now half way through the year. A time when no-one seems happy with the weather. Those left behind in Tenerife are complaining about the heat and those in England are complaining about the rain! But then we are British and it would not be right if we did not complain about the weather would it?

However, whatever the weather, the work of the Chaplaincy continues albeit at a slower pace. We started holding services in the new church in Callao Salvaje but along with those in San Blas and Los Cristianos these have been suspended along with the Wednesday service in San Eugenio until September when it is hoped that the swallows and other visitors will start returning for the winter.

But fundraising continues. On page 14 you will see that we spent a day at Iceland helping to pack customers bags. Considering that the only people available to support this work were residents who, in the main have jobs to do, the response was terrific. We hope to repeat this venture again and with luck the *Swallows* will be here to help.

The Editor

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From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Summer is upon us and with it the wedding season. I have been celebrating a number of Wedding Blessings recently and some were grander than others – one was even covered by ‘Hola’ magazine (<http://es.zinio.com/my-library.jsp?requestid=18146183>) and go to pages 28-46 .

We have also recently witnessed a Royal Wedding. Prince William and Kate Middleton were married in Westminster Abbey (also in the same magazine pages 18-23) and are now beginning their lives as ‘The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge’. Millions of people turned out or tuned in to cheer them on their way. It was undoubtedly a colourful and opulent spectacle and there was much joy and goodwill amongst the onlookers on the day.

For me; it all brought to mind a story from John’s Gospel - a story about another wedding which took place 2000 years ago in Cana of Galilee. Here; in the relaxed surroundings of a simple country wedding Jesus performed his first miracle.

On such a happy occasion it was vital that everything went like clockwork. Wine was considered to be a very important part of the festivities. To fail to provide enough at a wedding feast was unthinkable.

In this highly embarrassing situation, Jesus mother, Mary tells those who were serving to do whatever Jesus tells them to do. In doing so, she shows that she had confidence in him, confidence to know that whatever he would do it was going to be the right thing.

This simple response to a difficult problem is something we need to keep reminding ourselves about. In those periods of our lives where we seem so far from God, when the everyday cares distract our thoughts. Those are the moments that we need to remember Mary’s attitude. She had a moment like that, but knew instinctively who to turn to with the problem and into whose hands to place that burden. We too have to be honest enough to go to Jesus and admit that we’ve made mistakes

and then hand our problems over to him totally – just like Mary was able to do. Only then can he take the water of our lives and turn them into the finest wine.

May God Bless you and those you love .

Your Chaplain and friend,

Fr. Keith



The romantic wedding Blessing of Francisco Ortiz von Bismarck, son of the Countess Gunilla von Bismarck and Elisabet Dutu at the Abama Resort Hotel, Guia de Isora, Tenerife.

Diary for July

1st Fri

2nd Sat

3rd Sunday

St Thomas the Apostle

(2nd Sunday after Trinity)

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

4th Mon

5th Tues

6th Wed

7th Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

8th Fri

9th Sat

10th Sunday

3rd Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

11th Mon

12th Tues

13th Wed

14th Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

15th Fri

16th Sat

17th Sunday

4th Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

18th Mon

19th Tues

20th Wed

21st Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

22nd Fri St Mary Magdalene

23rd Sat

24th Sunday	5th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
25 th Mon	James the Apostle	
26 th Tues		
27 th Wed		
28 th Thur	10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
29 th Fri		
30 th Sat		
31st Sunday	6th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo

August

1 st Mon		
2 nd Tues		
3 rd Wed		
4 th Thur	10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
5 th Fri		
6 th Sat	Transfiguration of our Lord	
7th Sunday	7th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
8 th Mon		
9 th Tues	10.00 am Guild of St Clare	– Caroline Homer's
10 th Wed	St Laurence, Deacon & Martyr	
11 th Thur	St Clare, Virgin	
	10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
12 th Fri		
13 th Sat	St Barnabas the Apostle	

14th Sunday		Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		8th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
15 th Mon			
16 th Tues			
17 th Wed			
18 th Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
19 th Fri			
20 th Sat			
21th Sunday		9th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
22 nd Mon			
23 rd Tues			
24 th Wed		Bartholomew, Apostle	
25 th Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
26 th Fri			
27 th Sat		St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor	
28th Sunday		10th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
29 th Mon			
30 th Tues			
31 st Wed			



Intercessions

The Power of Prayer

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

Baby Jamie – Eileen Baldwin – Bronwen Battye – John Bosley
Barbara & Michael Browback – Robert Brumpton – Keith Burke
Angela Callaghan – Joan Caselton – Catherine – Teresa Cavallaro
Kath Challinor – Lydia Cook – Corina Cormack – Jeanette Dick
Ann Dobson – Nicki Duval – Revd. Jeff Engel – Freda & Karen Fanovard
Victoria Ford – Gordon & Pearl French
David & Betty Gledhill – Liz Govan – Julia Henderson – Howarth Higgs
Ian Hubbard – Fr. Philip Lamb – Betty Lee-Westworth – Vicky Lever
Mary Mansell – Bill Nash – Hazel Noble – Pastor Roland
Rachel Plummer – Jill Pratt – Harvey Roe – Samuel – Sinead – Joe Slater
Ewen Smith – Amanda Stead – Revd Robert Sterman – Susan Stratton
Hilda Thomas – Rose Tomlinson – John & Anne Vaughn
Vance – Harry Wilkinson – Alys Zimmer

Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing

July	20 th	Margaret Ford
	24 th	Ron Molock
	25 th	Peter Seward-Jones
August	1 st	Lee Thomas
	18 th	May Askew
	20 th	Ronald Wood
	22 nd	Dennis Cahill
	25 th	Fred Walsh

The Woman with no name. Los Gig. 27th March 2011

I do have a name you know; did as a child and as a woman, yet no one knows it now. Oh. I am well known even infamous, often spoken of through the centuries; not always understood, only thought of as the “woman at the well”.

Strange isn't it – I'm now the woman with no name.

I never thought my life would be like this. I was like everyone else, the same dreams and hopes. A nice family life, loving husband, accepted and appreciated. It just didn't turn out like that.

My life hasn't been easy – I won't go into details, but you could say I've been a spectacular failure in the relationship department. Not that the blame can be laid entirely on my doorstep. After all, there are husbands and then there are husbands!

People have long memories; I made my bed and have had to lie in it. Guess I can't go back – no point dwelling on it.

It's still not easy you know, having to collect my water in the middle of the day, for one thing. They don't want me around while they, the respectable ones go about their business and chores.

I am shunned. It can be very lonely sometimes.

That day, the day that changed my life, was pretty much the same as all the ones previously. Fetching and carrying, looking after the current man in my life and what happens.....

Trudging up to get the water, the sun blazing, is that a mirage, are my eyes playing tricks on me? There is a man sitting at the well. I wasn't expecting that and he's even a Jew.

Now you know Samaritans and Jews don't generally mix; haven't got along in years but there he is in the middle of the day, a Jew speaking to me, wanting me to do him a favour.

I do hope no one sees. That really will be adding fuel to the fire; I'd never live that one down.

I'm not an educated woman but I'm not stupid either. What is this man talking about?

First he wants water from me, then it's suddenly about me having water from him and he hasn't even got a bucket!

I get the feeling that perhaps he's talking about something more than me not having to haul water everyday. Yes; what is this living water that gives salvation.

Oh and now he's getting a bit personal; bringing up husbands and all that. How does he know all about me? A prophet maybe. It's all getting a bit uncomfortable.

Religion and God now is it – of course we Samaritans and those Jews are never going to see eye to eye on that. Still there is something about him, something deep. He seems to know me and my life completely and still he's content to be seen with me.

Of course he didn't have to tell me about a Messiah coming; I'm a Samaritan after all. We learned all about that and about sin offerings and sacrifices. Yes, as far as I know Mount Gerizen is the place to go and sort all that out. Mind you it hasn't done much for me. I still feel bad inside. Who am I kidding anyway? I know I'm not right before God; I can't be the way things stand.

Plenty have criticised me in the past but this man is different, he appears to accept me for who I am. Those eyes seem to pierce my very soul.

I think this could be the turning point in my life; a new beginning.

He say's he's the Messiah, now, that really is something.

Who would have thought it; the Messiah coming directly to me, a mere woman and a Samaritan; seeing to the very heart of me; revealing the way to worship God in Spirit and in truth?

I can hardly believe it, why me? I know I am not worthy, I feel so honoured.

He's offered me the precious gift of His Living water

I can't keep this to myself can I? I'm telling anyone who will listen.

Now, I speak to you my brothers and sisters in Christ, from over the centuries.

I had a chance; I drank of the living water. I am a new woman now; he made all the difference to me.

Come, be changed, drink of this living water, be refreshed and never be thirsty again.

Amen.

Sermon preached by Marisha Carter (Lay Minister) in Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes, on March 27th 2011.

With Trinity Sunday in Mind:

If asked to define the Trinity, we can only say that it is not this or that. - *Augustine*

No wonder that the doctrine of the Trinity is inexplicable, seeing that the nature of God is incomprehensible. Our faith must assent to what our reason cannot comprehend, otherwise we can never be Christians. – *Francis Burkitt*

Thousands of the ablest minds of the centuries have pondered this problem and no one has been able to explain it; who then invented it? What man can invent, man can explain: what man cannot explain, man cannot have invented. It must be a revelation. – *G H Lang*

The Trinity is the basis of the gospel, and the gospel is a declaration of the Trinity in action. – *J I Packer*

Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence. – *John Wesley*

The Way I See It – is it really ALL Nick Clegg’s fault?

‘Have I Got News for You’ has made its living out of ridiculing our politicians, who are all, apparently, cheats, idiots, liars or philanderers. Margaret Thatcher was the ‘milk snatcher’, Tony Blair was B. Liar, Gordon Brown was a muppet. And now Nick Clegg, who isn’t even Prime Minister, has become the subject of the most cruel and persistent tsunami of political ridicule that I can remember. You would think that single-handedly he had cut our wages, barred thousands of young people from university and put up the price of petrol and food. Oddly, the ‘real’ prime Minister seems to have escaped most of this opprobrium. It’s all Nick Clegg’s fault.

Several commentators, noting this phenomenon, have described Mr Clegg as the ‘scapegoat’ for the nation’s ills. They mean by this that he is bearing blame that should rightly be apportioned more widely – that he is being abused so that others can be spared abuse.

However, that’s not quite what happened to the original scapegoat – the word, of course, comes from the book of Leviticus in the Bible (chapter 16). On the annual Day of Atonement, when the people of Israel mourned for their sins, two goats were brought before the high priest. He laid his hands on them, confessing all the sins of the people. One of them was then taken away and offered as a sacrifice. The other one was taken out into the desert where it was set free. That was the ‘scapegoat’. It was the first goat that bore the sins of the people. The second one was a picture of forgiveness. As the Psalmist says, ‘As far as the east is from the west, so far has (God) set our sins from us’. The scapegoat ran free. Like the Lamb of God, Jesus, it ‘carried away the sin of the world’. Between them, the two goats represent the process of forgiveness – a price paid, and a life set free.

I suspect that in our present feverish political climate Nick Clegg might feel a bit more like the goat that was sacrificed. The scapegoat runs free, a picture of freedom and escape, not of ridicule and scorn. In the strange ways of the world, only history will make clear which of the two he is eventually destined to be.

Coming and going, yes – but back again?

June 2nd is Ascension day, when we remember how Jesus concluded his earthly life. He fondly blessed his disciples, and, the Bible tells us, ascended back to his father in heaven. As his disciples stood staring in astonishment and some dismay, the book of Acts records that two angels appeared to the disciples, assuring them that one day he would return. (Read the story in Acts 1).

What did Jesus mean? Isn't the idea of Jesus of Nazareth returning to earth a bit quaint now, in our computerised world of emails and the Internet?

Well, the Bible has a lot to say about Jesus' return, and indeed makes clear that the Christian story is not complete until that happens. Various passages describe his return as the climatic event of history. It will be sudden and final. It will take the world by surprise. At the return of Christ the resurrection of believers will take place. They will be gathered to be with the Lord forever. We can only speculate on many of the details, but the Bible is definite on the fact that all people will have to face him at that time, as either saviour or judge. Matthew 25:31 says: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory... he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory."

In the Old Testament there are numerous prophecies which can only be fulfilled by Jesus' return. In the New Testament his return is mentioned more than 300 times. For example, in John 14 Jesus says: "I am going... to prepare a place for you. And if I go... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." Jesus also said, in Matthew 24.30 'They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.'

Paul had no doubts but that Jesus would return one day. In 1 Thessalonians 4.16 he wrote: 'For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God...' John, writing in Revelation, adds: '... he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him....' (Rev 1.7) In Rev 1.8 Jesus sums it all up: 'I am the Alpha and the Omega... who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'

Signs & Symbols : Set apart

Early July, around the time of the feast of St Peter, is a time that many denominations use to ordain people to be deacons or priests. The process and ceremonies may vary between each, but generally speaking ordination is the process by which individuals are consecrated, that is, set apart.

This goes beyond 'blessings' – a wish or pronouncement that God is with you; but rather it is intended to be making a change happen. Most of us think of events as being 'before' or 'after' a certain time or happening. For mothers, life is divided by the birth of their first child, 'Before Baby was born ... after Baby arrived....'

With ordination, the intent is that a similar profound change occurs. It's not something you can erase or forget it or pretend it didn't happen. Even if a child were to die, the mother would still be a mother: nothing will ever change that. And so it is with consecration.

Once someone or something is consecrated, it is changed into something or someone set apart for a specific use by God. This is NOT to say that all deacons and priests are holier or closer to God than other people, just that they are set apart to do his work.

Some objects are similarly consecrated and set aside for specific purposes. Firstly, the oil that is used in the ordination service is consecrated especially for that purpose, and for use in confirmation, and even coronation ceremonies. The other items all relate to the bread and wine – which are themselves consecrated during a Eucharist service.

Getting Old

The last ten years of life are the best, because we are freest from illusions and fullest of experience. – *Benjamin Jowett*

The evening of a well-spent life brings its lamps with it. – *Joseph Joubert*

No wise man ever wished to be younger. – *Jonathan Swift*.

Our Latest Fundraising Event

Earlier in the year we approached Chris the Iceland store manager and asked if we could bag pack at the opening of the new Iceland store in Las Americas. As the opening date had been delayed Chris suggested that we bag pack at the Chafiras store during Holy Week. We only had a few days notice but never the less people rallied round to help. A few of us practically lived in Iceland only going home to sleep. Shoppers were very generous donating their change and a few notes into our buckets as we packed.

It was a pleasure to work alongside the staff, who appreciated our assistance reducing queues at the checkout.

On behalf of the St. Francis Anglican Chaplaincy we would like to thank Iceland for giving us the opportunity to raise much needed funds enabling us to continue our charity work. A huge thank you to all who gave us their time and help. We had a tremendous result.

A whopping 2,080.00 Euros

We hope to repeat this again at the opening of the new store later in the year.



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Alan Charlesworth

Editor

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How Many To Change A Light Bulb?

How many charismatics does it take to change a light bulb?

One, since his/her hands are in the air anyway.

How many Calvinists does it take to change a light bulb?

None. God has predestined when the lights will be on.

How many Brethren does it take to change a light bulb?

CHANGE!!!!

How many Pentecostals does it take to change a light bulb?

TEN. One to change it and nine others to pray against the spirit of darkness.

How many TV evangelists does it take to change a light bulb?

One. But for the message of hope to continue to go forth, we need thousands to send in their donation – TODAY!

How many Roman Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?

None: We only use candles.

How many Amish does it take to change a light bulb?

What's a light bulb?

How many Polygamous Mormons does it take to change a light bulb?

Five. One man to change the bulb, and four wives to tell him how to do it.

How many Jehovah's Witnesses does it take to change a light bulb?

Three. One to screw in the bulb, and two to knock on your door and ask you if you've seen the light!

How many Unitarians does it take to change a light bulb?

We choose not to make a statement either in favour of or against the need for a light bulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that light bulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your light bulb for the next Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

The English language.... It's how you say it....

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

Some perks of getting old

There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

Things you buy now won't wear out.

You can eat supper at 4 pm.

You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

You can sing along with lift music.

Your eyes won't get much worse.

Your secrets are safe with your friends - because they can't remember them either.

Some malapropisms

You can observe a lot just by watching.

I knew I was going to take the wrong train, so I left early.

Tennis is 90% mental; the other half is physical.

Half the lies they tell about me aren't true.

This is like déjà vu all over again.

Nobody goes there anymore; it's too crowded.

You should always go to other people's funerals; otherwise, they won't come to yours.

The future ain't what it used to be.

Special needs

After booking my 80-year-old grandmother on a flight from Glasgow to Gatwick, I called the airline to go over her special needs. The representative listened patiently as I requested a wheelchair and an attendant for my mother because of her arthritis and impaired vision to the point of near blindness.

My apprehension lightened a bit as the woman assured me over and over that everything would be taken care of. I thanked her profusely. "Oh, you're welcome," she replied. I was about to hang up when she cheerfully added, "And will your grandmother need a rental car?"

Been to the cash machine?

Now wash your hands!

Here's an unpleasant thought:

Busy cash machines have been found to be as dirty as public lavatories, with similar unpleasant bacteria. Swabs taken from keypads on city centre ATMs used by thousands of shoppers every day and from nearby public lavatories were both found to contain pseudomonades and bacillus, bacteria known to cause sickness and diarrhoea.

Other dirty places to beware of are: phone boxes, bus stops, metro systems, seats on a bus, seats on a tram, and shops' chip and pin machines. The survey was carried out by BioCote, an antibacterial coating company.

Is a Computer Masculine or Feminine?

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. 'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la Casa.' 'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz'

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending money on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have got a better model.

The women won.

Flowers with Christian connections

There are many plants whose names reflect something of Christianity. Plants with faith links include:

Columbine - *Aquilegia vulgaris* – is also known as ‘dove flower’. The dove is a symbol for new creation and baptism and carvings of the flower are often found in cathedrals and churches.

Sorrel - *Rumex acetosa* – was one of the bitter herbs that Hebrew people ate with Passover lamb and so possibly part of the Last Supper.

Moschatel - *Adoxa moschatellina* – also known as the Good Friday flower. There is no other flower like it with its five petals facing north, south, east and west and a fifth facing the sky and a scent of musk. It is the only species in its genus and the only genus in its family in the world.

Wild Pansy - *Viola tricolor* – a member of the violet family, and also known as ‘heartsease’ and ‘Trinity Violets’ because they are yellow, white and purple.

Cow Parsley - *Anthriscus sylvestris* – also sometimes known as ‘Our Lady’s Lace’.

Pasque Flower - *Pulsatilla vulgaris* – thought to be the lilies of the field Jesus pointed to in his Sermon on the Mount.

Solomon’s Seal - *Polygonatum multiflorum* – grows in the wild now only in a few places. King Solomon was renowned for his wisdom, composed 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs and built the first temple.

Speedwell - *Veronica*. – When Jesus carried his cross, legend has it that Veronica was the girl in the crowd who offered him her handkerchief. When Jesus handed it back his face was imprinted on the cloth. An old country name for speedwell is ‘God’s Eye’.

Lady’s Smock - *Cardamine pratensis*. – In the cloisters of Lincoln Cathedral which is dedicated to Mary there is a garden full of her flowers.

Lords and Ladies - *Arum maculatum* – has also been known as ‘Parson in the pulpit’ and ‘Parson in his smock’.

What Happens In Heaven When You Pray?

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was deputised to show me around.

Our first stop was at a large room filled with angels. They were unfolding, reading and stacking thousands of bits of paper, of all sizes. My angel guide explained, “This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.’ I looked around the area, and it was terribly busy. Angels were sorting out petitions from all over the world. Some were long and involved and weighty, others merely a sigh on a scrap of paper.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel said to me, “This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings that have been asked for are processed and delivered to the people who need them.” I noticed again how busy it was there. The angels were working hard to package and send back to earth all the blessings that had been requested.

Finally, at the farthest end of the long corridor, we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, doing nothing much. “This is the Acknowledgement Section, my angel friend said quietly. He seemed a bit embarrassed.- “How is it that there is no work going on here? “ I asked.

The angel sighed. “Well, after people receive the blessings that they ask for, it seems very few think to send back any acknowledgement.”

“How does one acknowledge God’s blessings? “ I asked..

“Simple, “the angel answered. “Just say, ‘Thank you, Lord.’ And mean it.”

Education is never as expensive as ignorance. – Anon

What NOT To Do Before You Go On Holiday

Criminals just love Twitter and Facebook. Now they can locate unattended homes so much more easily – often within seconds of people posting comments about being on holiday on these social networking websites.

Thieves once had it hard – having to wander about neighbourhoods, peering over hedges, bribing milkmen, looking for empty houses. Now it is so much simpler: they stay at home and surf the Internet – and can track down your address from a one-line posting within 60 seconds, according to researchers. Thieves look for messages such as ‘packing my cases’ and ‘just landed’ with a smiley face, only hours after the sender’s location was given as an airport.

How do they do it? A check on the family name and, for instance, the name of their child’s school, cross referenced with an online address database, shows the location of the home. The study, by Co-operative Travel, goes on to warn people that their children are the worst offenders, as 51% of young people tell all their friends about the forthcoming holiday....

Who I am

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. “Where would you like to sit?” he asked politely.

“The front row please.” she answered.

“You really don’t want to do that”, the usher said. “The pastor is really boring.”

“Do you happen to know who I am?” the woman inquired.

“No.” he said.

“I’m the pastor’s mother,” she replied indignantly

“Do you know who I am?” he asked.

“No.” she said.

“Good”, he grinned.

Letter from St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On why the clergy should avoid computers

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for the kind offer of your old computer, but I do not want it. I know you find it invaluable for keeping in touch with those doing missionary work in remote parts of Africa, but even if I knew legions of clergy on that continent, I would have few pearls of wisdom to e-mail them and would not be overly interested in what they may be yearning to tell me.

I know that our diocesan offices long for us all to have computers, so we can receive at hourly intervals briefings, questionnaires, notifications of meetings and lists of irresistible training days, but I seem to have survived in ministry for the last 50 years without them and suspect I can do so for a little while longer.

When pressed why I have still not purchased one, I tell everyone that I am waiting for a few more weeks when I will be able to get an even better one. And as the wretched things continue to improve, there is every reason to defer a decision until they improve a little more. Surely, if I bought one today, I would regret it by tomorrow, as there would be a more advanced model out by then.

Besides, once you get a computer, you will need to buy a telephone connection, then a printer and spare ink cartridges and then equipment to protect you from viruses. The money can far more usefully be spent on claret.

Being without a computer also saves me much aggravation. From what I can gather, most computer owners spend significant parts of their lives trying to get their machine to do something it doggedly refuses to. Once they admit defeat, they then spend another significant chunk of time on what is called by naïve optimists a “helpline”, where someone in a remote part of the world who speaks a jargon only distantly related to English tries to tell you that whatever you did, it would have been better if you hadn’t.

No, no-one over the age of 25 should be allowed to possess a computer. On those rare occasions you really do need to use one, you should adopt my practice: visit your local primary school and get a 6 year-old to do the job – which they do with effortless efficiency, speed and accuracy.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Words

There's a trillion words inside my head
From all the books that I have read
Newspapers, leaflets or magazines
Letters, postcards, emails seen

In my ears so many words
From all the dialogue I have heard
The phone, radio and on TV
And all the folk that converse with me

Angry words in a moments heat
Swear words that I won't repeat
Polite words such as thank you, please
Flirty words to tempt and tease

Words that are given out in praise
Encouraging words to confidence raise
Precious wedding vows 'I do'
Words from the heart 'I so love you'

Words that make us laugh out loud
Powerful words incite a crowd
Political promises true or lie
Words that make us question why

Whispered, shouted, requested, command
Foreign words we don't understand
Famous words from times long gone
Rythmic words in tuneful song

Help, beware, words of warning
Daily words goodnight, good morning
Comforting words to show we care
Joyful news we long to share

But the words that are so special to me
Are the words of prayer said quietly
No words of prayer will go unheard
For the Lord God hears our every word

Elizabeth Thomas

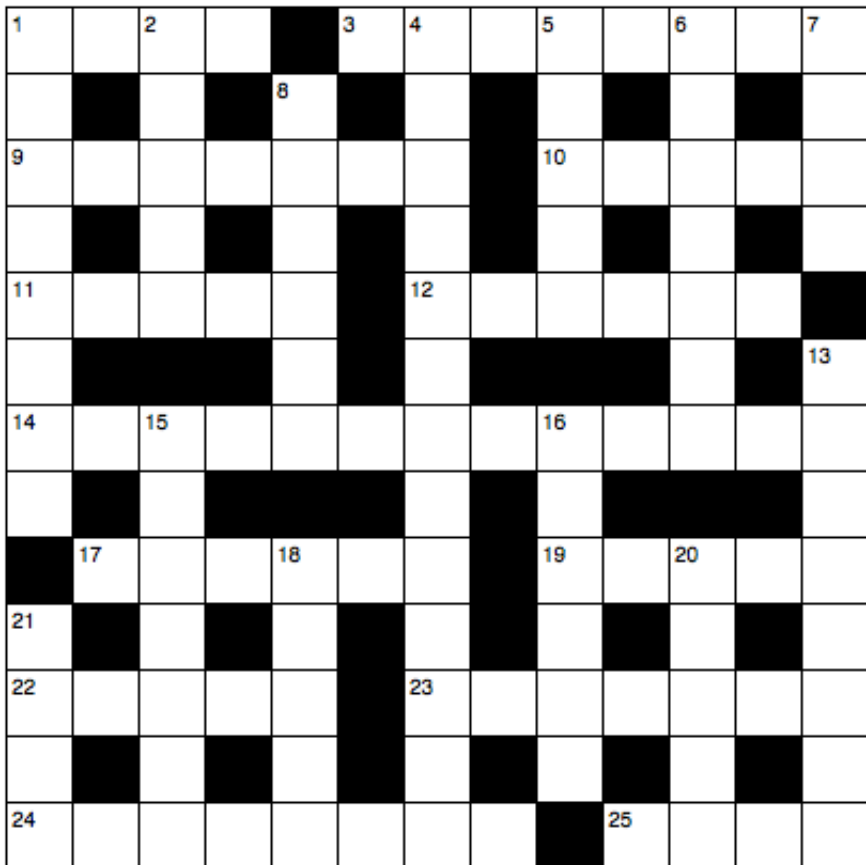
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Solution on page 30

Crossword



The bible references in the clues all refer to the text of the NIV version.

Solution on page 30

Clues

Across

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

Down

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

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Essential to know... For emergencies, phone 112...

For nuisance problems phone 902 102 112. There will be English interpreters who will advise and help you.

British Consulate (new telephone number)

Consularline is the first point of contact for our customers who call the Tenerife British Consulate by telephone and will provides a consistent service, answering enquiries or putting customers in touch with the department who will best be able to deal with their query.

The number for local calls is

- **902 109 356**
- **+34 91 334 2194** (alternative number)

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TIMES OF SERVICES



Playa de las Americas

San Eugenio	Sunday	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist, Sung
	Wednesday	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist, Said

Los Gigantes

Espiritu Santo	Sunday	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Sung
	Thursday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist, Sung

Golf del Sur (From October to April)

San Blas	Sunday	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Sung By Extension
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Los Cristianos (*Second and Fourth Sundays September to December*)

Swedish Church	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist, with Hymns
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Callao Salvaje (*restarts in September*)

Jesus Christ, Redeemer	Thursday	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Sung
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(See the diary on pages 4-5 for detailed times)

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Should you wish to talk to the chaplain privately, please do not hesitate to contact Father Keith Gordon on 922 74 20 45.